

## State Board of Education Request For Freeway School Accreditation

<b>Name of Requesting School:</b>	Trinity Christian School (amendment to current petition)
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<b>Board Date:</b>	January 7, 2009	<b>Grade Span:</b>	K-8
<b>Head of School:</b>	Ms. Sharon Ragan	<b>Public or Private:</b>	Private
<b>Location Address:</b>	440 Saint Peter Street	<b>Enrollment:</b>	87
<b>City/Town:</b>	Indianapolis	<b>Targeted Student Population:</b>	Indianapolis area

### Indiana Department of Education Office of School Accreditation and Awards

The following executive summary has been compiled by the **Office of School Accreditation and Awards** for use by the Indiana State Board of Education. It includes information presented by the school during the accreditation process, potential legal standard issues, and any other information collected during the process that may impact accreditation.

#### Summary of Materials Presented to the Board:

Trinity Christian School is a private, non-denominational, Christian school operated by Trinity Fellowship Church of God, Indianapolis.

#### Information Regarding the Requested Amendment

Amendment-

Trinity Christian School requests to add grades 9 – 12 to their original petition. The school has addressed Academic Honors, Core 40, and staffing requirements. They require no additional waivers to their original contract.

#### Summary Information Regarding the Original Petition (August 2005)

Waiver Areas- Although waivers of public school requirements generally are not applicable to nonpublic schools, the petition includes the following provisions:

Textbook Adoption- Trinity Christian School holds waivers available to public schools.

Curriculum- A request to suspend certain elementary and middle school curriculum was approved. This pertained to health, safety, and drug education.

#### Recommendation: Freeway Accreditation for Grades K - 12

**Rationale:** Trinity Christian School has met the required educational benefits for freeway accreditation up until the 08-09 school year. Based on a dramatic decline on ISTEP+ scores from fall of 2008 we would expect to be sending a warning letter regarding meeting minimum education requirements. Their current contract expires in 2010.